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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:
DENNIS FRANCIS BROWN

REF: STATE 194199

ALLEGATION OF TORTURE/ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST.
PER CONSULATE FILE DURING FIRST CONOFF VISIT JUNE 3, 1975
PRISONER ALLEGED HE WAS TORTURED AT TIME OF ARREST JUNE
1, 1975 BUT DID NOT WISH TO FILE A COMPLAINT.

PERSONAL PROPERTY CONFISCATED AT TIME OF ARREST.
PER CONSULATE FILES JUNE 3, 1975 PRISONER ALLEGED
CONFISCATION OF BELONGINGS AND PESOS 11,000. PERSONAL
EFFECTS HAVE SINCE BEEN RETURNED. BROWN ALSO ALLEGED
HIS MOBILE HOME AT TIME OF PREVIOUS ARREST MARCH 20, 1974
WAS NEVER RETURNED AND STOLEN BY MEXICANS. CONOFF WROTE
LETTER TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN TEPIC REQUESTING HE LOOK
INTO MATTER. NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

ALLEGATION OF INNOCENCE.
PER CONSULATE FILES OCTOBER 29, 1975 VISIT, PRISONER CLAIMS
POWDER FOUND ON HIS PERSON AT TIME OF ARREST WAS NOT COCAINE
AS CHARGED BUT NOVACAINE AND THAT A DOCTOR HAD RETESTED
SUBSTANCE AND STATED IT TO BE NOVACAINE, AND PASSED THIS
INFO TO JUDGE. CONOFF CHECKED WITH JUDGE TO ASCERTAIN IF
NEW TEST RESULTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND PASSED TO HIM.
JUDGE'S OFFICE SAID THEY HAD NOTHING ON NEW TEST. CONOFF
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ALSO UNABLE TO LOCATE SECRETARY PRISONER CLAIMED HAD NEW

TEST MADE. CONOFF WILL RECHECK WITH PRISONER FOR MORE
DETAILS AT NEXT PRISON VISIT.

PRISONER WAS RELEASED JANUARY 1975 AFTER DETENTION IN TEPIC
ON PREVIOUS NARCOTICS CHARGE BEFORE ARREST JUNE 1, 1975.
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